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Mr. Peter Stokoe
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Dear Mr. Stokoe:

Thank you for your letter of January 6, 1990 concerning the matter of East Timor.

I certainly share your concerns about the situation of the East Timorese and the fact that the Canadian Government has not spoken out against Indonesia for their actions against East Timor. The reason appears to be the very high level of economic investment and trade that Canada has been developing with Indonesia. I believe Canada must develop coherent policies which link International Human Rights to aid, trade and refugee determinations. As a member of the Sub-Committee on International Human Rights, my colleagues and I will be striving to achieve this important objective in order that legitimate concerns for International Human Rights abuses may be addressed.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Christine Stewart

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